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SUBJ: MK SHARIR SEEKS WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENT

1. A LETTER FROM MK AVRAHAM SHARIR, CHAIRMAN OF THE LIKUD KNESSET FACTION (PARTY WHIP), ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON MARCH 30, INEXPLICABLY TURNED UP TODAY AMONG THE MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE FORWARDED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE FOR HANDLING BY EMBASSY TEL AVIV.

2. IN HIS LETTER, MK SHARIR REMINDS PRES. CARTER OF THEIR EARLY ACQUAINTANCESHIP WHEN HE (SHARIR) WAS ISRAELI CONSUL IN GEORGIA. HE REMINDS THE PRESIDENT THAT WHEN "I CONGRATULATED YOU ON YOUR INAUGURATION, IN RETURN I RECEIVED A LETTER INVITING ME TO VISIT WITH YOU IN THE WHITE HOUSE ON ANY FUTURE VISITS." SHARIR INTENDS TO BE IN THE U.S. IN EARLY MAY AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THAT TIME. IN CONVERSATION WITH HIM TODAY, HE STATED THAT HE PLANS TO BE IN THE U.S. FROM MAY 1, BUT COULD ARRANGE TO BE IN WASHINGTON AS EARLY AS APRIL 26 IF AN EARLIER DATE WERE MORE CONVENIENT. HE WILL STAY ON THROUGH MAY 15.

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3. IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT MR. SHARIR'S REQUEST BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION; IF THE PRESIDENT IS NOT FREE TO SEE HIM, WE WOULD HOPE THAT A MEETING WOULD BE ARRANGED WITH AN APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL WHITE HOUSE FIGURE. MR. SHARIR IS WELL PLACED WITHIN THE LIKUD, HOLDS AN ORGANIZATIONALLY KEY POSITION, AND ALTHOUGH A

LIBERAL, IS CLOSE TO BEGIN. EMBASSY TEL AVIV HAS
MAINTAINED CLOSE AND FRUITFUL RELATIONS WITH SHARIR
AND IT IS OUR VIEW THAT HE MERITS EXPEDITIOUS AND
FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST.
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